

ITALIAN NEWSPAPERS AT WAR

DID OR DID NOT BETTOLI SPEAK IN PARLIAMENT?

No One Much Cares Except to Prove Whether the "Bettolino" or "Il Progresso" Has Misled the Truth and Incidentally to Settle a \$4,000 Bet.

The eruption of Mount Etna is not the only explosion that is exciting the Italian folks in this town. Terrible as the Sicilian mount is, it's an old story. You cannot hear the volcanic rumblings in these parts if you put your ear to the ground. On the other hand you do not have to put your ear to the ground; you may stop it tightly, you may shut your eyes, and yet you cannot fail to be aware of the dreadful combat raging between *Bettolino della Sera*, the Italian evening bulletin, and *Il Progresso*, its esteemed and dastardly contemporary, both published daily.

So red hot has the controversy become that neither paper is able to speak its mind in the usual routine way. The editors of *Bettolino* yesterday were unable to write or even typewrite their sentiments. They had to shape them directly on the sealing matrices; and as for *Il Progresso*, that newspaper has rented a blacksmith shop and its opinions are conceived in the forge's fierce blast and formulated white hot on the anvil, showering sparks in every direction the harder Cavalier Barsotti hammers them out.

The affair commenced last Monday, when *Il Progresso* published a cablegram from Rome saying that Bettoli, Minister of Marine, had made a speech in the Camera, or Italian parliament, discussing naval affairs. The self-same day *Bettolino* got a despatch saying that Bettoli didn't speak because of his brother's death the day before. Editor Frugone of *Bettolino* reacted with a speech, one underneath the other, the deadly tandem, you know, and wound up by saying: "Avanti! Arlecchino Barsotti, che ne dice?"

Do you wonder Cav. Barsotti was mad? Avanti means "Go ahead." What does it mean? "What are you going to say to that?" But Avanti means most things, too, like "late." If it were damn this newspaper would translate it and take a chance of having to pay a fine of 50 cents or so. But it is a crushing epithet meaning harlequin or clownish or something fierce like that and we warn our subscribers to take this newspaper home and fearlessly leave it lying on the table.

Well, Cav. Barsotti said *Il Progresso* three numbers ahead of time next day and offered to let \$100 that his cablegram was right and the *Bettolino* was wrong. Editor Frugone looked over his list of paid up subscriptions, sent out five ultimatums to constant readers and inconstant payers and then caused Barsotti's bid to \$2,000 with an offer to leave it to any disposition he might find out who was to be right. The bet was made that *Il Progresso* had no cable news and evolved its despatch out of Cav. Barsotti's fertile mind.

Cav. Barsotti came right back with the observation that he was no Enapio Paladino and put up \$2,000 with a vast nonchalance, remarking that Signor Frugone was a bold jester.

The enraged and still ensuing controversy as to who shall hold the \$4,000 stakes half a dozen trust companies are in voluntarily in the field contesting for the honor and interest in holding the money. As to who shall decide the bet no man knoweth. That is another dispute. Whether Bettoli spoke or not no one cares a continental but as the source of war the question has a historical interest.

LIVELY RACE ON NEW BRIDGE. The Second Time Within a Week that the Structure Has Been Attire.

Thousands of people crossing the Brooklyn Bridge yesterday afternoon saw a thick smoke enveloping several hundred feet of the Manhattan Bridge Brooklynward of the Brooklyn tower and saw streams of water directed at it by firemen from below which did not seem to reach the bridge structure.

The bridge was afire for the second time within a week. The fire was not serious in its results, though it was a hot and troublesome one while it lasted, which was about an hour and a half.

On the western side of the bridge between the central roadway and the western footway, other words, within the space between the two sides of the bridge, the trolley cars are to run, were a line of "tar pots" or great cauldrons in which the surface preparation, which is based on the wood of the pierment and sidewalks, was kept fluid by wood fires beneath them.

At about a dozen or one of these pots blazed and blazed over and over again, the flaming sheet instantly set fire to the wooden ties on which the trolley tracks are eventually to run. The breeze up there was fierce and the fire swept rapidly down the wind toward Brooklyn. The workmen who had been using the fire hastily scrambled for safety, and it was no gentle task to quickly over the loose and bad ties and boards in the trolley space to the main roadway.

The fire started near the Brooklyn tower and a policeman on duty there sent the alarm at once but it was slow work getting the fire apparatus up the bridge to the spot where it wanted the first and all too quickly followed the bridge beyond it and at the entrance to the bridge let down lines and hauled up hose from the fireboat while the water tower and other engines got busy.

Acting Captain John J. Bourke of the bridge company and one of his men, the first at hand, set themselves to get the blazing pot away from the other pots, and the firemen presently were dousing the burning woodwork with many streams. But the fire had spread so that it ran for about 900 feet along the bridge and it was so fierce that it blistered the vertical cables and warped into the semblance of a zigzag fence the separation railing between the central roadway and the trolley path.

When the fire had been extinguished apparently, but while the firemen were still pouring on the water, a spot in the roadway several feet from the railing was found to be on fire and the pavement was broken and the firemen were forced to pull out. Soon after 2:30 the traffic which had been held up was permitted to continue over the bridge, the damage to which structurally was said to be practically nothing, though it will cost a pretty penny to straighten things out.

It was figured out that the breeze, which had come up to nearly a twenty mile gait for a short time late in the afternoon had swept an ember from the fire under one of the tar pots into a neighboring pot and so caused all the mischief.

Bridge Commissioners Martin Inspectors Morris and Hollingshead, Police Commissioner, Brooklyn Deputy Fire Commissioner O'Connell and Engineer Johnson of the Bridge Department were among the bunch of officials who were quickly at the fire. The high pressure service in Brooklyn was called upon, according to statements made on the bridge, to put on a pressure of ten pounds.

General Electric to Enlarge Plant.

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An experienced accountant also engaged now as actuary secretary, thoroughly conversant with required duties, desires to devote some spare time in the capacities those who are merciful and faithful friends undoubtedly could arrange if necessary for permanent services communications and interview. A. H. box 118 Sun office.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE.

THE SUN, Boston, Mass., March 25. The General Electric Company announced to-day that had a million dollars would be spent here this year in making additions to its East Coast plant. Contracts for buildings to cost \$200,000 have already been let. All of the buildings will be of brick and stone. The work will be finished within a year.

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